

(As amended, March 23, 2006)

by amending section 477 (MCL 168.477), as amended by 1999 PA 219.

**HOUSE BILL No. 5650**

House Bill No. 5650 as amended March 7, 2006 (1 of 2)  
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1 PETITION, THE [~~<<STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS~~ >>] SHALL NOT  
CONSIDER THE  
2 SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL AFFIXED TO THE PETITION. If the ~~board of~~  
3 ~~state canvassers~~ [~~<<STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS~~ >>]  
declares that the  
4 petition is sufficient, the secretary of state shall send copies of  
5 the statement of purpose of the proposal ~~as approved by the board~~  
6 ~~of state canvassers under section 474~~ to the several daily and  
7 weekly newspapers published in this state, with the request that  
8 the newspapers give as wide publicity as possible to the proposed  
9 amendment or other question. Publication of any matter by any  
10 newspaper under this section shall be without expense or cost to  
11 ~~the~~ THIS state. ~~of Michigan.~~

12 (2) For the purposes of the second paragraph of section 9 of  
13 article II of the state constitution of 1963, a law that is the  
14 subject of the referendum continues to be effective until the  
15 referendum is properly invoked, which occurs when the ~~board of~~  
16 ~~state canvassers~~ [~~<<STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS~~ >>] makes  
[~~<<its~~ HIS OR HER>>  
17 ] official declaration of the sufficiency of the referendum  
18 petition. The ~~board of state canvassers~~ [~~<<STATE DIRECTOR OF~~  
19 ~~ELECTIONS~~ >>] shall complete the canvass of a  
referendum petition

20 within 60 days after the petition is filed with the secretary of  
21 state, except that a 15-day extension may be granted by the  
22 secretary of state if necessary to complete the canvass.

[~~<<Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take~~  
23 ~~effect unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature~~  
24 ~~are enacted into law:~~

25 (a) Senate Bill No. 973.

26 (b) Senate Bill No. 974.

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- 27           (c) Senate Bill No. 975.  
             (d) Senate Bill No. 976.  
             (e) House Bill No. 5648.  
             (f) House Bill No. 5649.

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